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Argentina Fights Fire with Fire

During the evening of 25 January members of the Montoneros fired upon the vacant home of Goodyear's production manager and detonated a pipe bomb there. Propaganda leaflets were left at the house, which is located in a suburb of Buenos Aires, as well as at the nearby Goodyear plant. The incident was the first this year involving a major U.S. company.

While attacks by small groups against relatively unprotected targets can be expected to continue, 3.3(b)(1) terrorist groups will probably have lost their ability to engage in large scale confrontations by the middle of this year. The decline in terrorist capabilities is attributed in part to the heavy loss of 3.3(b)(1) manpower they have sustained in skirmishes In other cases suspected terrorists have been quietly detained and after it has been determined that they are deeply involved in terrorist activity, they have been executed by the police. Their deaths have been publicized as having occurred during firefights with security forces.

3.3(b)(1) disinformation campaign on the grounds that it serves to boost the morale of the security forces, adversely affects terrorist morale and shows the public that the government's efforts to eliminate the terrorist threat are succeeding. Not all terrorist deaths should be attributed to the police's clandestine killings; many reported clashes are genuine.

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NOTES

Murderer of U.S. Consular Agent is Slain

According to the Argentine press, security forces in Santa Fe recently killed Jorge Luis Piotti, a Montonero identified by security officials as one of the individuals involved in the kidnaping and assassination of John P. Egan, the U.S. consular agent in Cordoba, in February 1975. [redacted] Egan was abducted on 26 February 1975. The following day the kidnapers demanded the release of four imprisoned Montoneros in exchange for him. After the Argentine government announced on 28 February that it would not deal with terrorist groups, Egan's body was found in the outskirts of Cordoba, wrapped in a Montonero banner. Although 36 members of the Montoneros had been arrested in August 1975 and held for questioning in connection with Egan's death, Piotti is the first individual to be publicly identified by the Argentine government as being responsible for Egan's murder. [redacted]

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 25 January 1977

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Home of Goodyear Executive Attacked

The suburban Buenos Aires home of a Goodyear executive was attacked by the Montoneros with machine gun fire and a pipe bomb on 25 January. The house was vacant at the time of the attack. The Montoneros left leaflets at the home, the Goodyear plant, and the surrounding area supporting the workers in their struggles against the government. Goodyear has been experiencing labor problems recently.

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Target: U.S. SHIP

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Unknown

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Argentine Government Raid Nets Montoneros' Target Listing of Diplomats

Argentine security forces confiscated a card file labeled "Targets Under Study" during an operation in the greater Buenos Aires area against the Montoneros terrorist group in January 1977. The card file contained names of 11 current members and 16 former members of the U.S. mission in Buenos Aires, as well as the names of their wives.

Also listed were a number of current and former members of other embassies in Argentina. 3.3(b)(1)

There is no information as to whether the file represented the total data on diplomats available at the raided site or whether there may have been additional information 3.3(b)(1) . For example, the cards did not include surveillance data or other details of the type which would indicate that there was a definite interest in any particular individual, nor can it be determined whether the listing was currently being maintained. The newest U.S. official on the list had arrived in Buenos Aires during July 1975.

This information provided further confirmation to that which the embassy has long known and acted upon, i.e., that the various Argentine subversive groups, including the Montoneros, maintain data on U.S. mission personnel on a continuing basis. This particular information represents the first listing which actually comes under the heading of potential targets; other listings have not been so labeled. Information obtained during October 1976 indicated that the Montoneros considered that the human rights issue, particularly in the U.S., was working to their advantage. (See the 26 October issue.) Consequently, in the interest of maintaining this advantage, Montonero leaders had decided that for the time being they would not direct terrorist actions against foreign diplomatic missions or their personnel in Argentina. They feared such acts would tend to weaken the Montoneros' position in the context of their being champions and protectors of human rights. It is unknown whether this continues to be the policy of the Montonero leadership.

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Target: U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Unknown

** Recently captured Montonero documents contain the names of some present and former officers at the U.S. embassy as well as personnel at other embassies in Buenos Aires. Although the documents indicated the names listed were targets under study, no surveillance

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data or other information which would indicate definite interest in particular individuals was included. The most recently-arrived U.S. official listed came to Buenos Aires in mid-1975; it cannot be determined whether the listing was being kept current. The already stringent security procedures at the embassy have been further tightened. [redacted] 3.5(c) 3.5(c)

Target: U.S. SHIP

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Unknown

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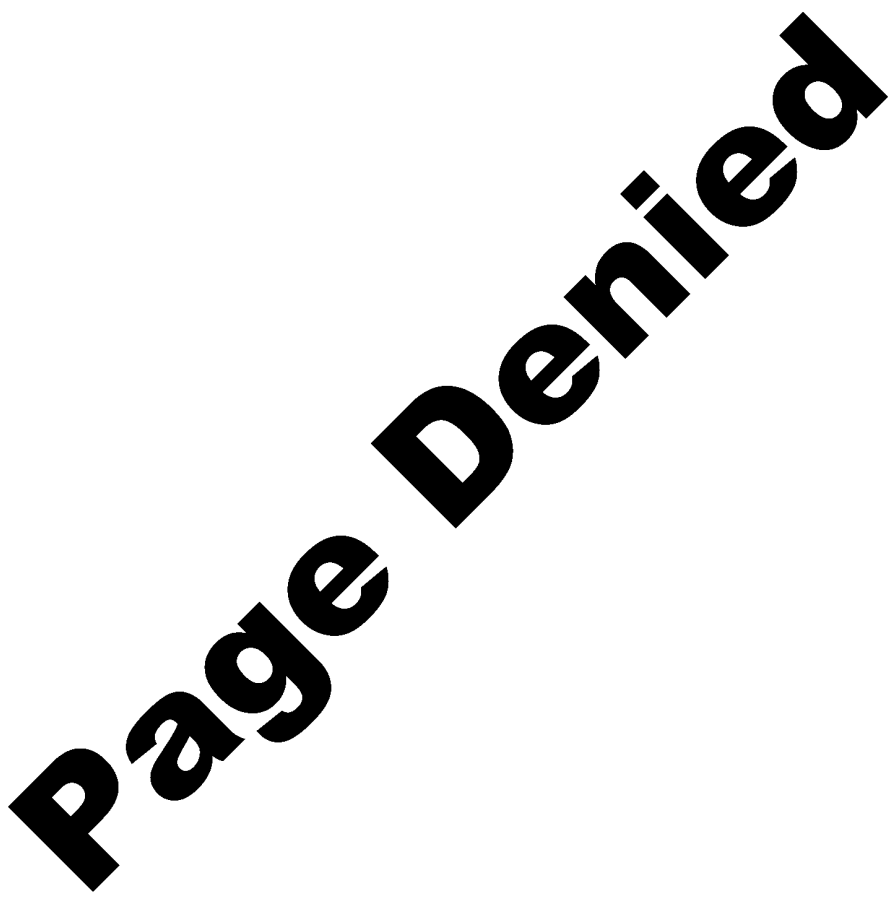

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